

## STATE OF WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION 1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. S.W., P.O. Box 47250 • Olympia, Washington 98504-7250 (360) 664-1160 • www.utc.wa.gov

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## NOTICE WITHDRAWING PENALTY

RE: Big Woody Limos, LLC, Commission Staff's Request to Rescind Penalty Assessment Docket TE-170603

TO ALL PARTIES:

On June 19, 2017, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) issued and served a Penalty Assessment against Big Woody Limos, LLC (Big Woody Limos or Company) in the amount of \$1,000, alleging violations of WAC 480-30-071 and 480-30-076, which require charter and excursion carrier companies to file annual reports and pay regulatory fees by May 1 each year.

On June 13, 2017, Big Woody Limos filed with the Commission a "Release of Authority for Cancellation," requesting to cancel its certificate. On June 20, the Company filed a complete annual report and paid its regulatory fee. That same day, Big Woody Limos responded to the penalty assessment and requested mitigation of the penalty based on the written information provided. The Company explained that it no longer conducts business in Washington.

On July 14, 2017, Commission staff (Staff) filed a response recommending the Commission rescind the \$1,000 penalty because Big Woody Limos' charter and excursion carrier certificate was cancelled on June 13, 2017, at the Company's request.

The Commission's primary objective in any enforcement action is to ensure compliance with a company's legal obligations; penalties both punish noncompliance and provide an incentive to comply in the future. The assessed penalty would further neither of these goals if the company is no longer operating in Washington. The Commission therefore withdraws the penalty assessed against Big Woody Limos.

## THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE that the penalty of \$1,000 assessed against Big Woody Limos, LLC is withdrawn and Docket TE-170603 is closed.

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